IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace pending claims 1, 8, 18, 25 and 28 with amended claims 1, 8, 18, 25 and 28 as follows:

1.   (Twice Amended) An automated event presentation system for capturing and viewing an event having event participants, comprising:

an omni-directional camera system that provides a seamless omni-directional image of the event and that simultaneously monitors the event participants and films the event;

an automated online broadcasting system that controls and uses the omni-directional camera system to keep track of each of the monitored event participants simultaneously, and broadcasts the event; and

a viewer platform in communication with the automated online broadcasting system that allows a viewer to view the broadcasted event.

8.   (Twice Amended) A method for filming and recording an event having event participants and presenting the event to a viewer, comprising:

filming and recording the event using an omni-directional camera system to provide a seamless omni-directional image that contains each of the event participants;

determining a location of the event participants in the omni-directional image;

providing a user interface that allows a choice of which of the event participants in the omni-directional image to view, the choice being made by at least one of: (a) the viewer; (b) a virtual director; and

switching instantaneously between views of the event participants in the omni-directional image in response to the choice.

18.   (Twice Amended) A method for displaying at least a portion of a seamless omni-directional image capturing an event occurring within an event environment, comprising:

filming the event using an omni-directional camera system having a single

camera to produce the seamless omni-directional image;

  transmitting the omni-directional image from a broadcasting platform to a viewer platform using a computer network;

  using the viewer platform to allow a viewer to select which portion of the omni-directional image the viewer would like to view; and

  switching instantaneously between views of the omni-directional image by presenting a desired portion of the omni-directional image as selected by the viewer.

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25. (Once Amended) The automated event presentation system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the omni-directional camera system requires no physical movement to capture the event participants.

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28. (Once Amended) The method as set forth in claim 18, further comprising:

  transmitting a low-resolution version of the omni-directional image to the viewer platform, wherein the omni-directional image produced by the omni-directional camera system is a high-resolution omni-directional image;

  selecting which portion of the omni-directional image to view, the selection being made by at least one of: (a) manually by the viewer; (b) automatically by a virtual director module; and

  transmitting a high-resolution version of the selected portion of the omni-directional image to the viewer platform.